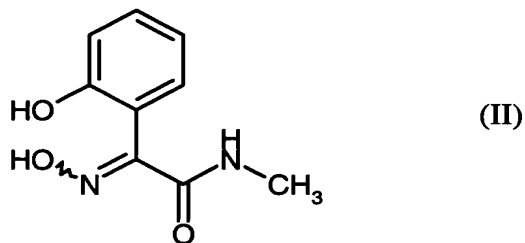


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

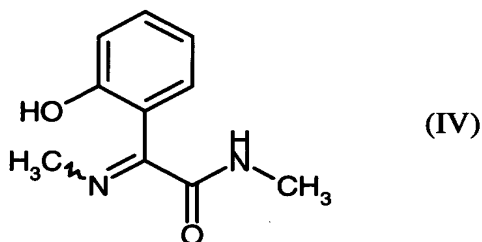
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (canceled)

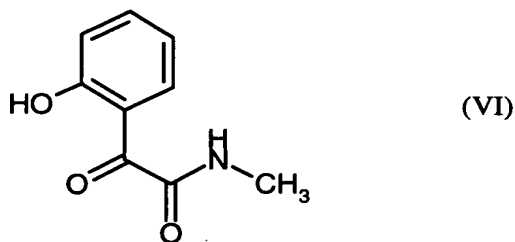
Claim 2 (previously presented): A compound of the formula (II)



Claim 3 (previously presented): A process for preparing the compound of Claim 2 comprising
reacting the compound of the formula (IV)



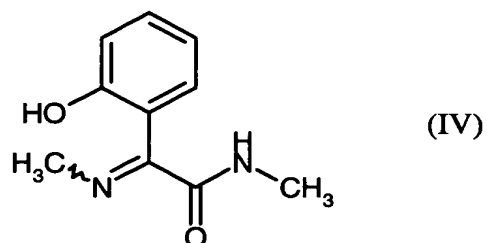
with hydroxylamine or an acid addition complex thereof,
if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of a
buffer medium, or
reacting the compound of the formula (VI)



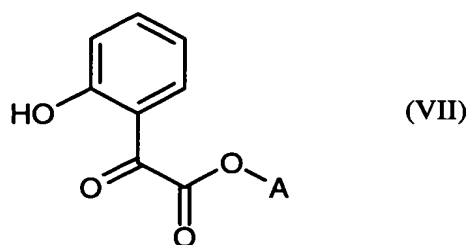
with hydroxylamine or an acid addition complex thereof,

if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of a buffer medium; and
collecting the reaction product.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A compound of the formula (IV)

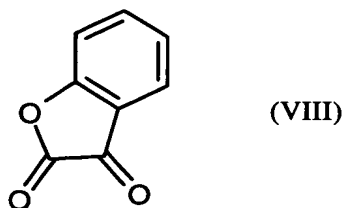


Claim 5 (previously presented): A process for preparing the compound of Claim 4
comprising
reacting a compound of the formula (VII)



in which


A represents alkyl or optionally substituted aryl,
with methylamine, if appropriate in the presence of a diluent, or
reacting the compound of the formula (VIII)




with methylamine, if appropriate in the presence of a diluent; and
collecting the reaction product.

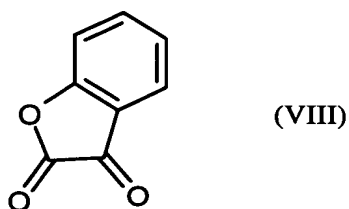
Claim 6 (canceled)

(VI)

CNC(=O)C(=O)c1cccc(O)c1


(VII)

A represents alkyl or optionally substituted aryl, with methylamine, if appropriate in the presence of a diluent, and following the reaction, treating the reaction mixture with an acid, or reacting the compound of the formula (VIII)



Claims 8-10 (canceled)